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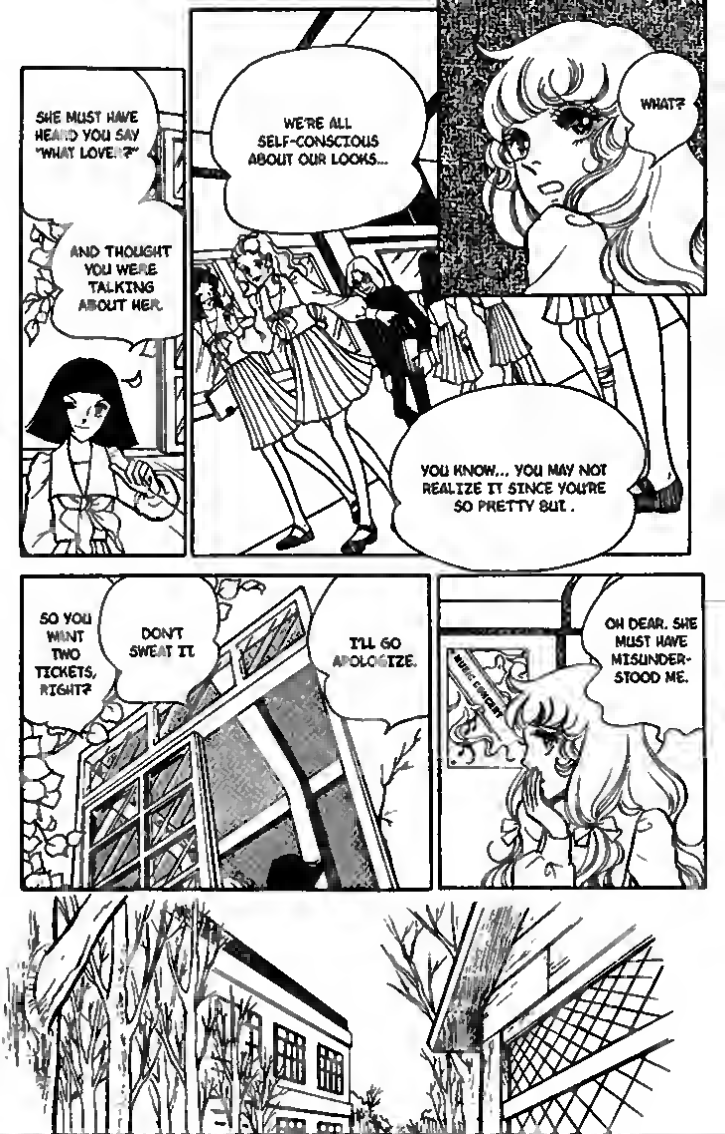
Yoshiko is not one of the prettiest girls in school and feels everyone knows this. What happens when a handsome young man quickly falls in love with her - nothing good if Deimos is around! A strange skull shaped birthmark of a deceased friend begins showing up on others, is Deimos behind it? Find out in Bride of Deimos #5.

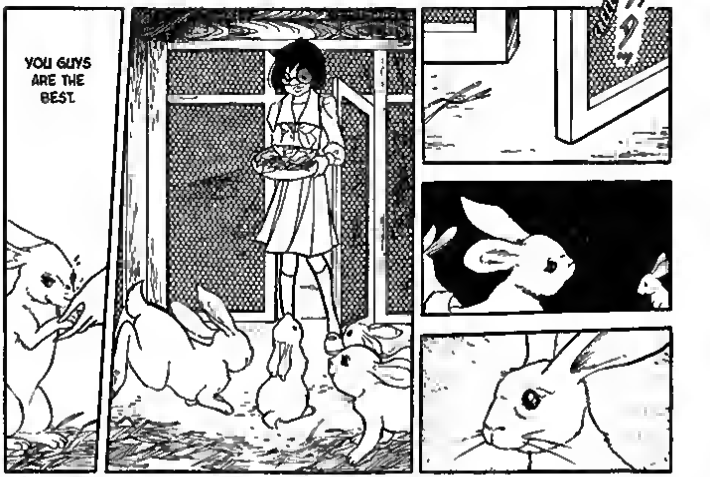
SHADOW OF THE RED DEVIL

THE SHADOW OF A ROSE DREAMS. THE PRINCE SMILES AND BEGINS TO BLOOM.
I AM THE SOLE FIGURE OF EXISTENCE THAT HE WILL SMILE FOR.

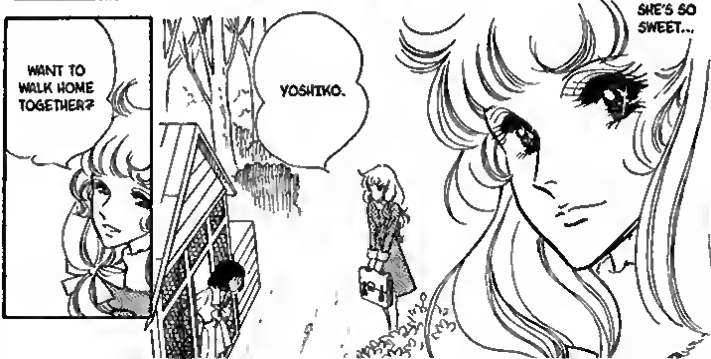
HEY GUYS! WE'RE HAVING A CONCERT THIS WEEKEND! TICKETS ARE CHEAP!
BRING YOUR GIRLFRIENDS AND BOYFRIENDS ALONG WITH YOU!
YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED. IT'LL BE OUR BEST PERFORMANCE!
I HEARD YOU'VE GOT A SECRET LOVER. BRING HIM ALONG! I'D LOVE TO MEET HIM!
UH, I...
MINAKO, I KNOW YOU WANT TWO!
WHAT LOVER?
ZING
スキ
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WHAT LOVER?

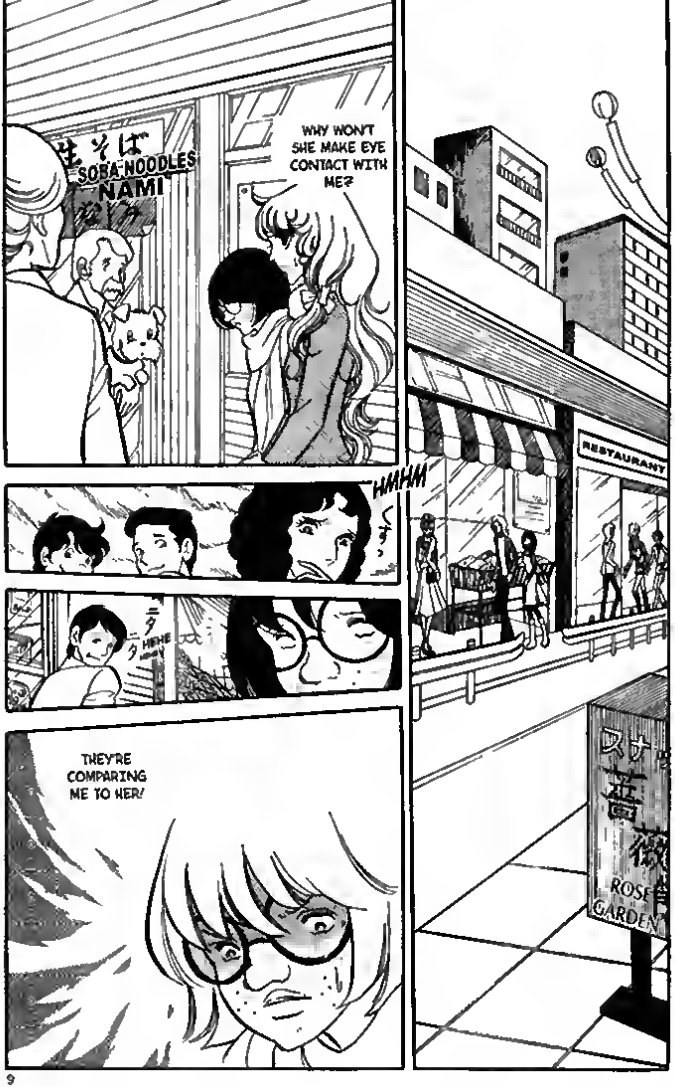
AM I ALLOWED TO BUY SOME?
OH, OF COURSE. HOW MANY?
TWO! OBVIOUSLY!
SNATCH
SST
WHAT'S WITH HER?
SHE MUST HAVE THOUGHT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HER.


SHE MUST HAVE HEARD YOU SAY "WHAT LOVELY!"
AND THOUGHT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HER.
WE'RE ALL SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT OUR LOOKS...
YOU KNOW... YOU MAY NOT REALIZE IT SINCE YOU'RE SO PRETTY BUT.
WHAT?
SO YOU WANT TWO TICKETS, RIGHT?
DON'T SWEAT IT.
I'LL GO APOLOGIZE.
MUSIC CONCERT
OH DEAR. SHE MUST HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD ME.


YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST
カタ…

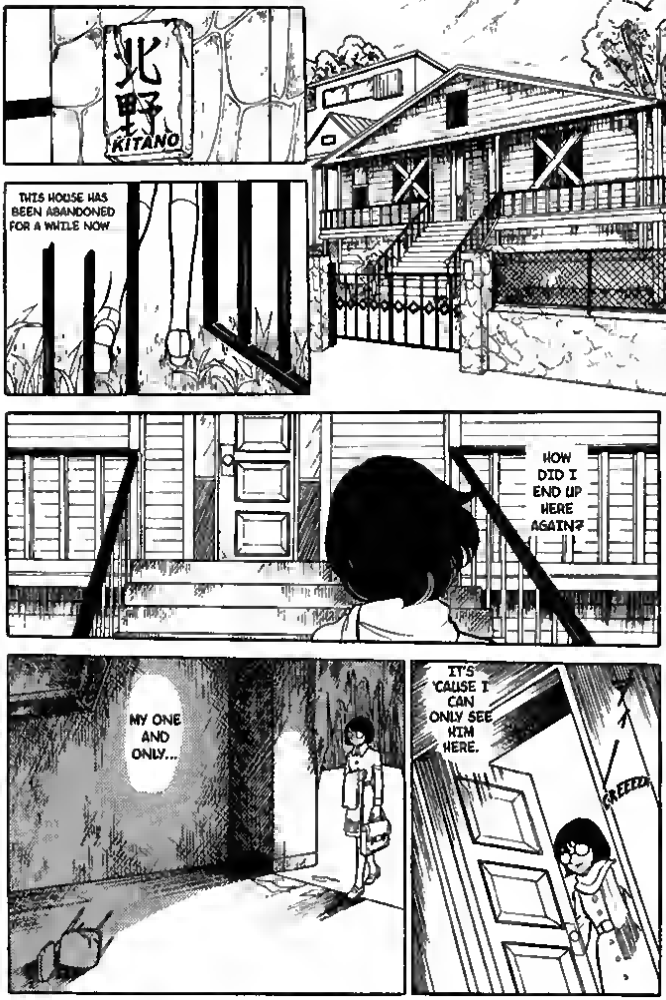
WITHOUT EVER THINKING TWICE ABOUT MY PHYSICAL QUALITIES.
IF I SHOW MY LOVE FOR YOU, YOU RETURN MY AFFECTION...

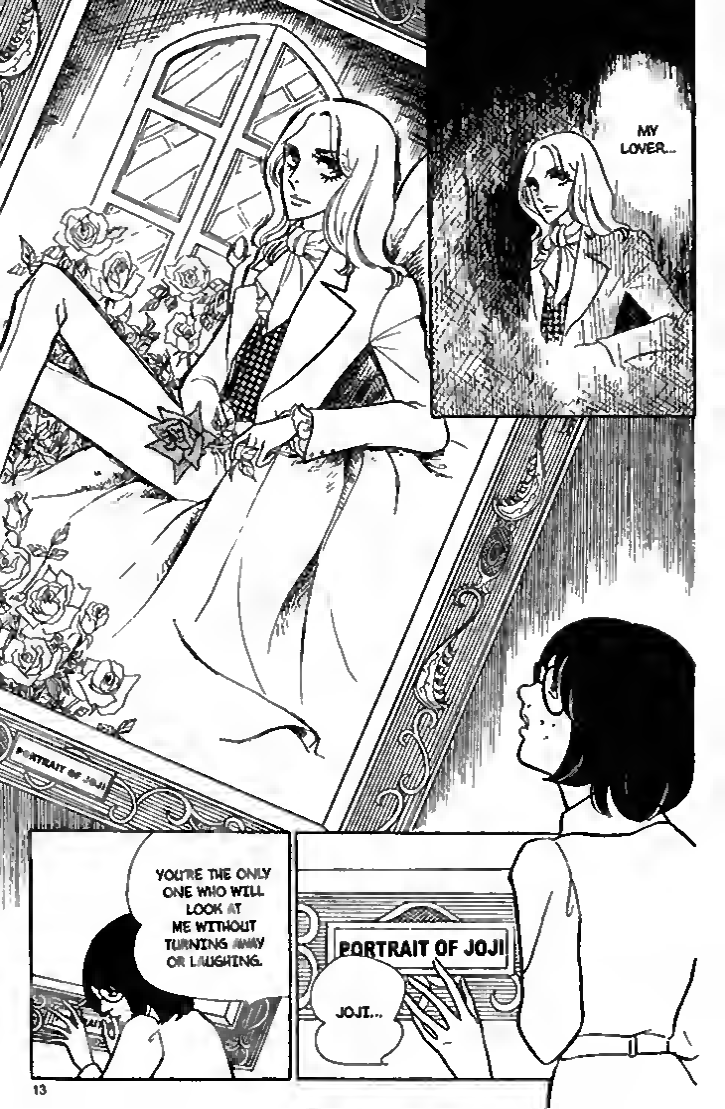

SHE'S SO SWEET...
YOSHIKO.
WANT TO WALK HOME TOGETHER?

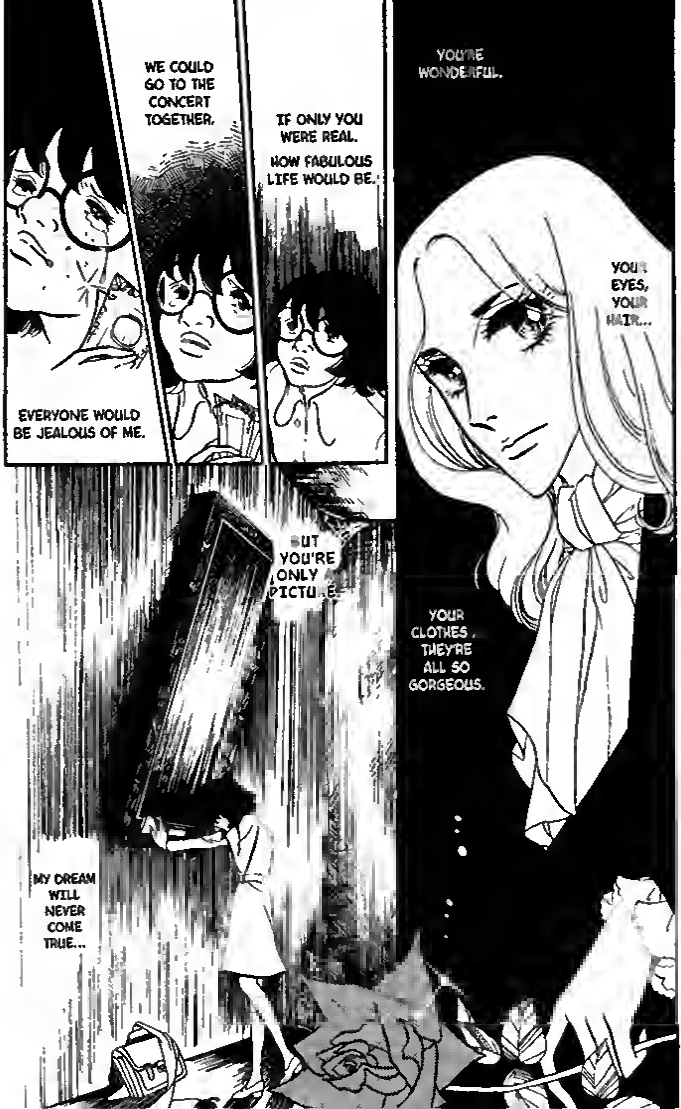

SOBA-NOODLES
NAMI
WHY WON'T SHE MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH ME?
HMMM
HEHE
RESTAURANT
ROSE GARDEN
THEY'RE COMPARING ME TO HER!

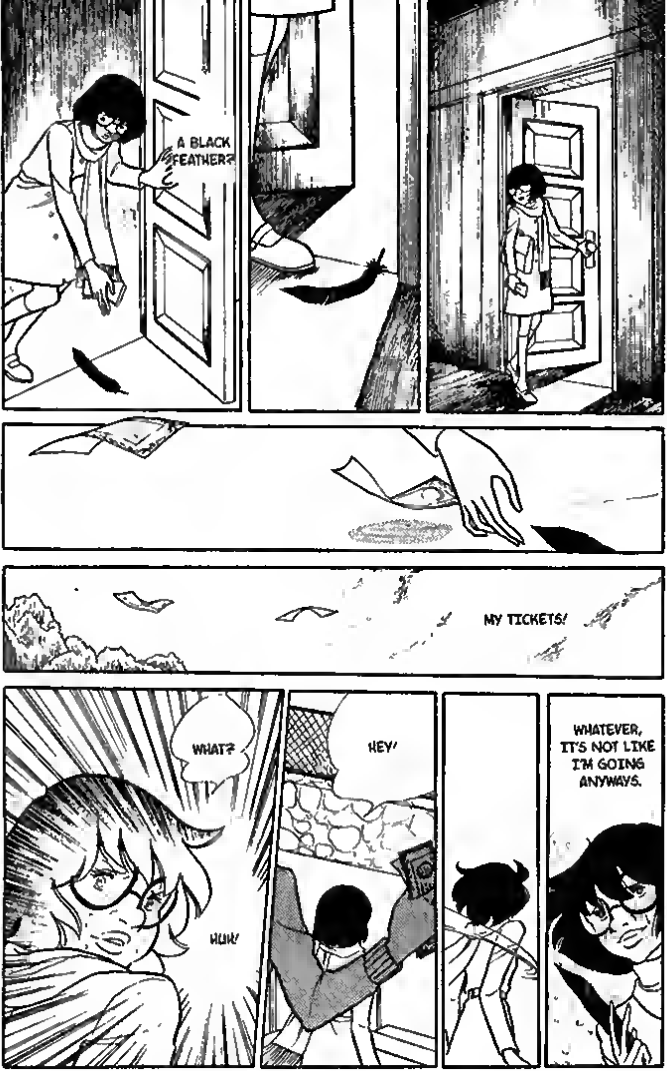
I... I...
WHY DID I EVEN AGREE TO WALK THE STREETS WITH SUCH A PRETTY GIRL?
YOSHIKO!?
BOOK STORE
PRINCE BOOKS
WAIT! WHAT'S WRONG?
DON'T TOUCH ME! I DON'T WANT TO BE USED TO MAKE YOU LOOK GOOD!
I DON'T HAVE... A BOYFRIEND.
SOB SOB
NO! THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION AT ALL!
I JUST WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU ABOUT...
YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE! IT'S TRUE! I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND!

YOSHIKO/
REALITY IS THAT THE UGLY GIRL WILL SUFFER HER WHOLE LIFE/ IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW NICE AND CARING YOU MIGHT BE/
THE... WARM-HEARTED BUT PLAIN GIRL AND THE GORGEOUS PRINCE FALL IN LOVE AND...
UGH/ I HATE STUPID FAIRY TALES/
SLAM
SLAM
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING/
HEY SEXY/
I'D MUCH RATHER HAVE A CUTIE LIKE HER BUMP INTO ME/
HE HE HE
BACK OFF YOU HAG. I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUININ' MY CLOTHES.
I'M SORRY/

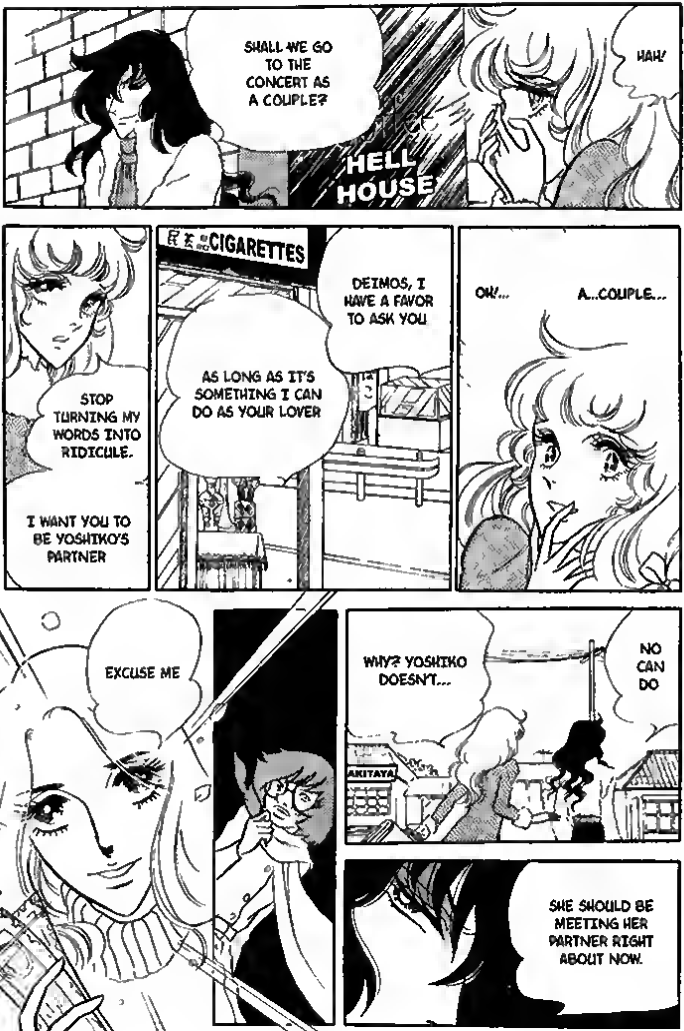

北野
KITANO
THIS HOUSE HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR A WHILE NOW.
HOW DID I END UP HERE AGAIN?
MY ONE AND ONLY...
IT'S 'CAUSE I CAN ONLY SEE HIM HERE.
CREEEEK


MY LOVER...
PORTRAIT OF JOJI
JOJI...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WILL LOOK AT ME WITHOUT TURNING AWAY OR LAUGHING.


WE COULD GO TO THE CONCERT TOGETHER.
IF ONLY YOU WERE REAL.
HOW FABULOUS LIFE WOULD BE.
EVERYONE WOULD BE JEALOUS OF ME.
YOU'RE WONDERFUL.
YOUR EYES, YOUR HAIR...
YOUR CLOTHES, THEY'RE ALL SO GORGEOUS.
BUT YOU'RE ONLY PICTURE.
MY DREAM WILL NEVER COME TRUE...

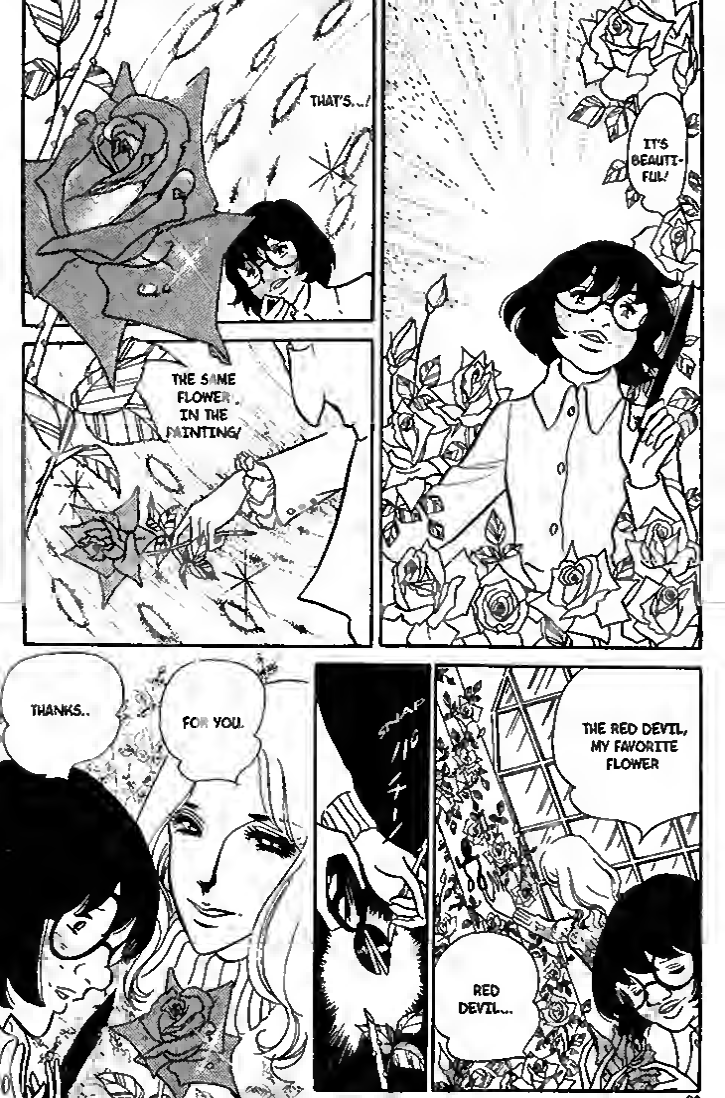

A BLACK FEATHER?
MY TICKETS!
WHAT?
HEY!
HUH?
WHATEVER, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING ANYWAYS.

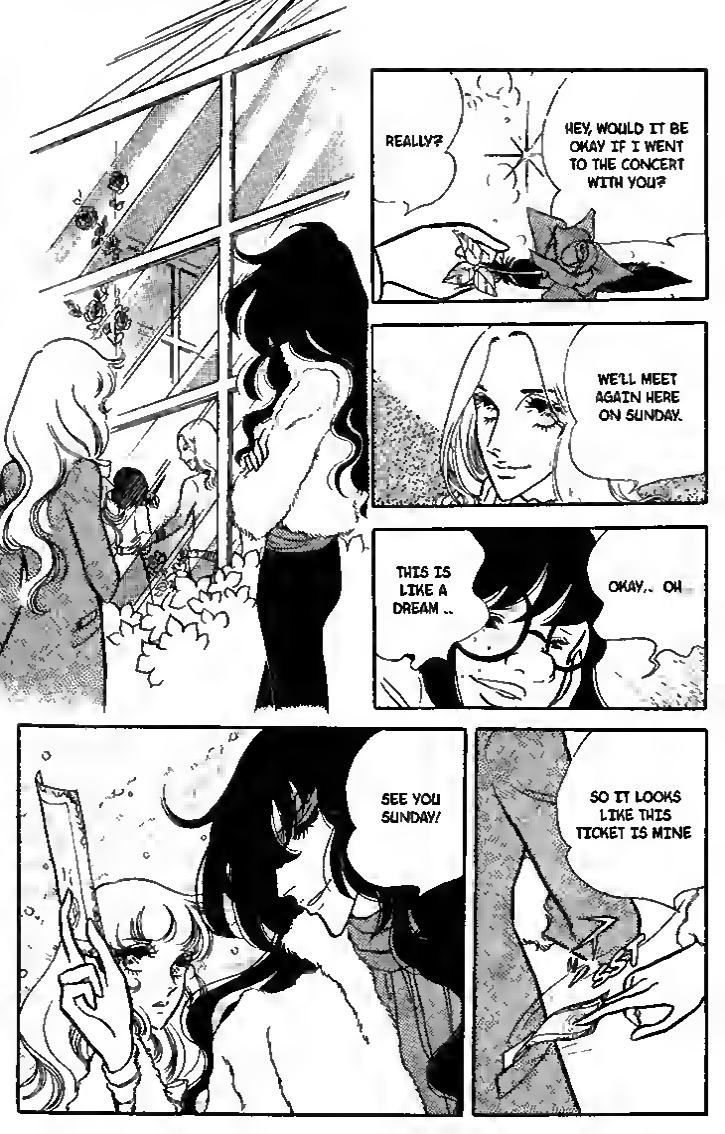
LET GO OF ME!
WEH... THE UGLY GIRL SUFFERS...
BUT, I GUESS THE PRETTY GIRL HAS HER TROUBLES AS WELL.
HEY SEXY! I CAN MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, REAL GOOD!
COME ON CUTIE! PLAY WITH US FOR A LITTLE WHILE!
YOU'RE HORRIBLE! YOU WERE JUST SITTING THERE WATCHING THOSE GUYS HARASS ME!
DEIMOS!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I SHOULD PROTECT YOU LIKE A BOYFRIEND WOULD?
HM?
coffee
HELL HOUSE


SHALL WE GO TO THE CONCERT AS A COUPLE?
HELL HOUSE
HAH!
CIGARETTES
DEIMOS, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU
AS LONG AS IT'S SOMETHING I CAN DO AS YOUR LOVER
STOP TURNING MY WORDS INTO RIDICULE.
I WANT YOU TO BE YOSHIKO'S PARTNER
OH!... A...COUPLE...
EXCUSE ME
WHY? YOSHIKO DOESN'T...
NO CAN DO
AKITAYA
SHE SHOULD BE MEETING HER PARTNER RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

I THINK YOU DROPPED THESE.
AHHH
YEAH BUT IT'S GARBAGE.
REALLY? IT SAYS THE CONCERT'S THIS SUNDAY.
I, I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO GO WITH.
YOU DON'T HAVE FRIENDS...
WELL NEITHER DO I!
LET'S BE FRIENDS!
YOU'RE ALL ALONE, TOO?

COME! I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING
THIS GUY IN A PAINTING NO, YOU'RE MUCH MORE HANDSOME THAN HIM!
LIKE WHO?
YOU LOOK LIKE ..
LOOK!
GYAAA
WOW


IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
THAT'S...!
THE SAME FLOWER IN THE PAINTING!
THE RED DEVIL, MY FAVORITE FLOWER
SNAP
RED DEVIL...
THANKS..
FOR YOU.

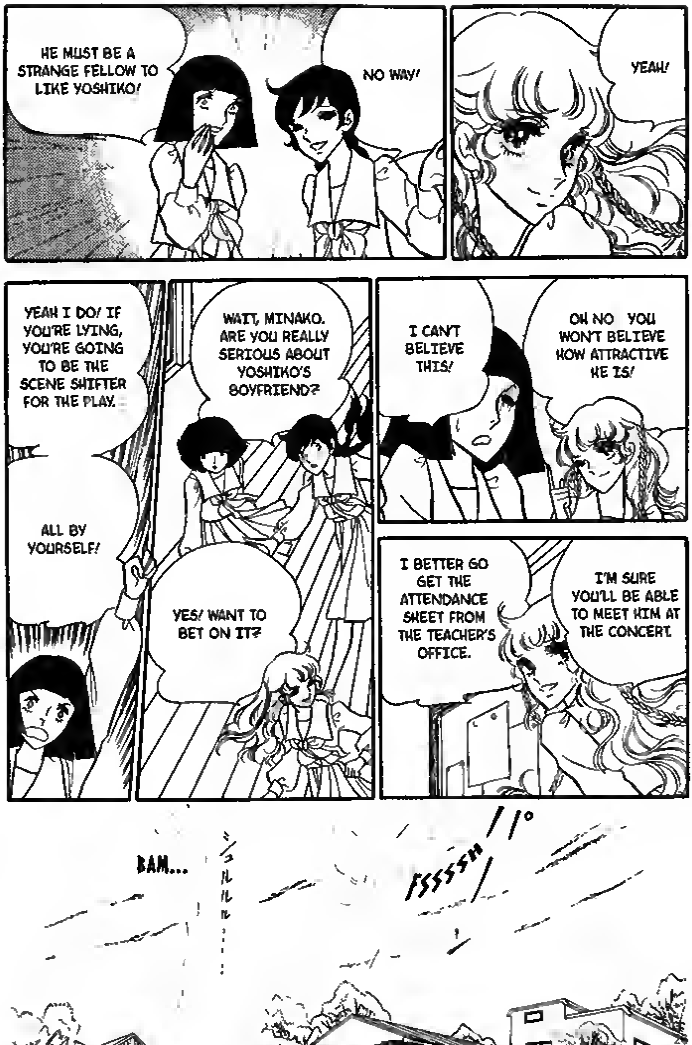

REALLY?
HEY, WOULD IT BE OKAY IF I WENT TO THE CONCERT WITH YOU?
WE'LL MEET AGAIN HERE ON SUNDAY.
THIS IS LIKE A DREAM ..
OKAY.. OH
SEE YOU SUNDAY!
SO IT LOOKS LIKE THIS TICKET IS MINE

I SAW YOSHIKO HOLDING A BLACK FEATHER. YOU ARRANGED THIS, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU THINK I DIDN'T NOTICE DEIMOS?
I WILL GO TO THE CONCERT AS YOUR PARTNER
IT'S OKAY IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR KINDNESS TOWARDS YOSHIKO
HE HE HE
YOU THINK I DID THAT FOR YOSHIKO OUT OF KINDNESS?
ARE YOU THAT NAIVE MINAKO?

はっはっはっはっはっ
MY MISSION IS TO LET AS MANY PEOPLE KNOW.
AND THAT...
THAT MINAKO HAS A LOVER!
MINAKO'S LOVER IS THE DEVIL!
THAT DEVIL IS ME, DEIMOS!

YOU WILL BE MINE!
YOU SHALL BE LOOKED AT WITH CONTEMPT AND SUFFER MORE THAN YOSHIKO.
AND BE HEDGED DOWN WITH THOSE COLD GAZES OF MOCKERY.
THAT IS WHEN...

ALL MINE!
YOSHIKO!
I SAW YOU WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL PRINCE!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?
YOSHIKO HAS A BOYFRIEND!?
MINAKO!
STORM FROM


HE MUST BE A STRANGE FELLOW TO LIKE YOSHIKO!
NO WAY!
YEAH!
YEAH I DO! IF YOU'RE LYING, YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE SCENE SHIFTER FOR THE PLAY.
ALL BY YOURSELF!
WAIT, MINAKO. ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT YOSHIKO'S BOYFRIEND?
YES! WANT TO BET ON IT?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
OH NO YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW ATTRACTIVE HE IS!
I BETTER GO GET THE ATTENDANCE SHEET FROM THE TEACHER'S OFFICE.
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MEET HIM AT THE CONCERT.
BAM...
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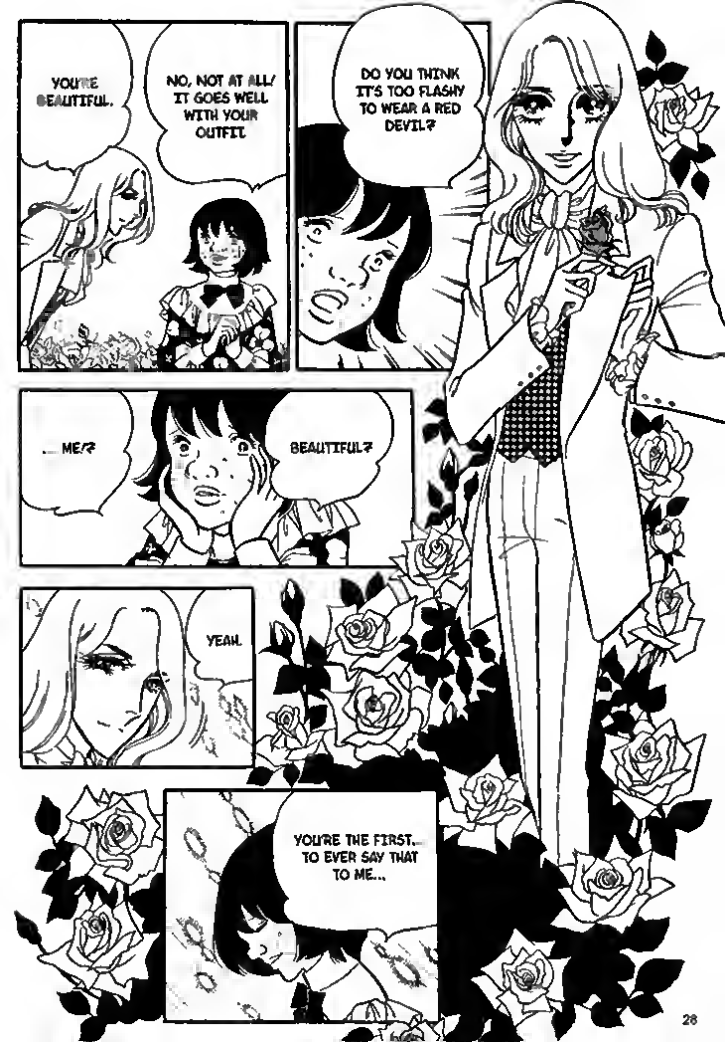
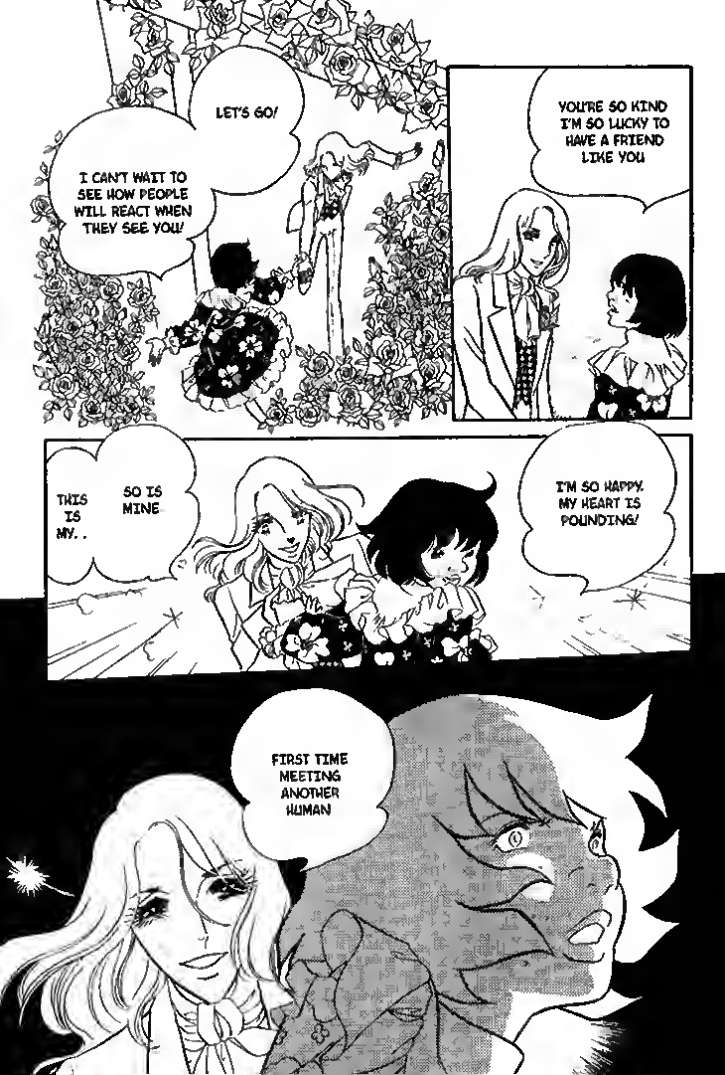
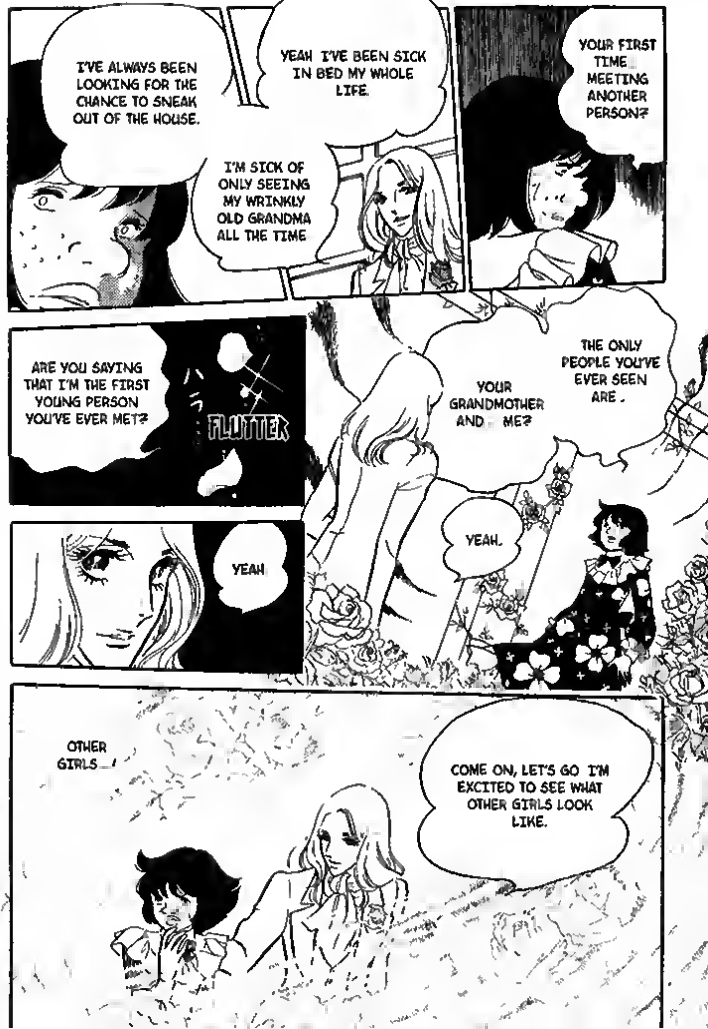
FSSSSH

CONCERT HALL
音楽祭
MUSIC CONCERT
H... HI...
SHE HONESTLY CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S WILLING TO BE HER PARTNER
HE'S HERE!
HEY


YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL.
NO, NOT AT ALL/ IT GOES WELL WITH YOUR OUTFIT
DO YOU THINK IT'S TOO FLASHY TO WEAR A RED DEVIL?
... ME/?
BEAUTIFUL?
YEAH.
YOU'RE THE FIRST... TO EVER SAY THAT TO ME...


LET'S GO!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW PEOPLE WILL REACT WHEN THEY SEE YOU!
YOU'RE SO KIND I'M SO LUCKY TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU
I'M SO HAPPY. MY HEART IS POUNDING!
SO IS MINE
THIS IS MY. .
FIRST TIME MEETING ANOTHER HUMAN

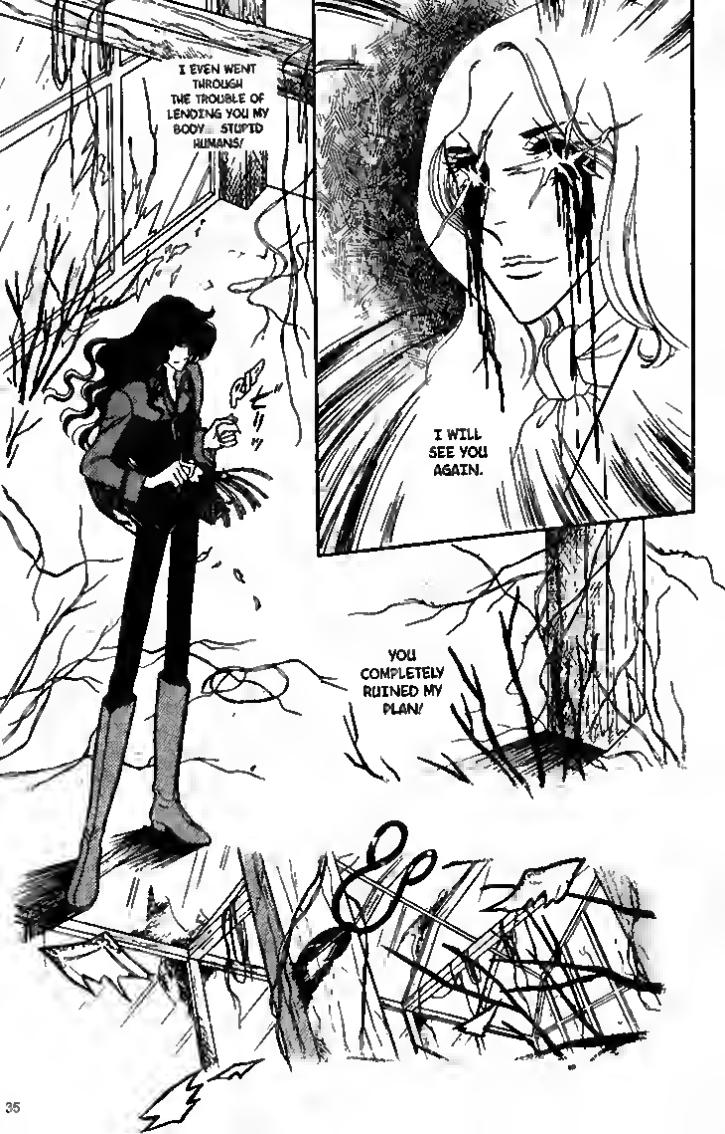

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LOOKING FOR THE CHANCE TO SNEAK OUT OF THE HOUSE.
YEAH I'VE BEEN SICK IN BED MY WHOLE LIFE.
I'M SICK OF ONLY SEEING MY WRINKLY OLD GRANDMA ALL THE TIME
YOUR FIRST TIME MEETING ANOTHER PERSON?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I'M THE FIRST YOUNG PERSON YOU'VE EVER MET?
FLUTTER
YEAH
YOUR GRANDMOTHER AND ME?
THE ONLY PEOPLE YOU'VE EVER SEEN ARE.
YEAH.
OTHER GIRLS...!
COME ON, LET'S GO I'M EXCITED TO SEE WHAT OTHER GIRLS LOOK LIKE.

HAH.....!
NO! YOU CAN'T GO!
HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
YOU CAN'T GO...
WHY NOT?
IF YOU GO, YOU'LL SEE ..
WITH THOSE EYES....
THAT THE OTHER GIRLS ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I..

NO! I DON'T WANT YOU TO LIKE OTHER GIRLS!
CLANK
YOU'LL TURN OUT TO BE JUST LIKE THE OTHER BOYS
AND NOT HAVE ANY INTEREST IN ME.
YOU ARE MINE!
MINE AND ONLY MINE!
AAUUUHHHH
DRIP
DRIP

WHY DID YOU DO SUCH...?
WHY DID YOU...
MINAKO! YOU MISSED YOUR CUE!
OH NO! I'M SORRY!

THE DAY WHEN THAT UGLY YOSHIKO GETS A BOYFRIEND IS WHEN A FLOWER WILL BLOOM ON THE TOKYO TOWER!
YOU MUST BE NUTS TO MAKE A DEAL LIKE THAT MINAKO.
SORRY, BUT A DEAL IS A DEAL YOU KNOW. YOSHIKO HASN'T COME YET.
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOSHIKO.
AH AH AH
THANKS MINAKO! WE'RE OFF!
JOJI, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME.
MY ONE AND ONLY LOVER.
I WAS SILLY TO ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT I COULD HAVE A LOVER


I EVEN WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF LENDING YOU MY BODY... STUPID HUMANS!
I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN.
YOU COMPLETELY RUINED MY PLAN!

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